

### **Abstract of the Invention**

The invention is a method of allocation a computer to service a request for a data set in a system having a plurality of computers. The method is implemented on a neural having at an 5 input layer having input nodes and an output layer having output nodes, where each output node is associated with a specific computer. Connecting the input nodes to the output nodes are weights  $w(j,k)$ . The method includes the following steps:

(a) receiving a request for particular data set I;

(b) imputing to the input layer an input vector having an entry  $R(I)$  at input node I,

10 the entry  $R(I)$  being dependent upon the number of requests for the requested data over a predetermined period of time,

(c) selecting a computer assignment associated with one of the output nodes to service said data request, where the output node selected is associated with a specific, the specific weight selected to minimize a predetermined metric measuring the distance between the vector entry  $R(I)$  and the weights  $(I,k)$ .